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SUBJECT: UNEESOC 19TH GENERAL CONFERENCE: DRAFT DECLARATION ON MASS MEDIA

REFS: A) STATE 257992; B) MEXICO 13600

1. EMBOFF CONTACTED ACTING DIRECTOR-IN-CHIEF OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, AIDA GONZALEZ, OCTOBER 27 TO SEEK FURTHER CLARIFICATION OF MEXICO'S POSITION ON DRAFT DECLARATION.

2. GONZALEZ REPORTED THAT AFTER FURTHER STUDY OF THE TEXT AND CONSULTATION WITH APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES AT FONSEC, IT IS MEXICO'S VIEW "THAT THERE ARE NO ELEMENTS IN THE EXISTING TEXT OF THE DRAFT DECLARATION THAT WOULD BE RESTRICTIVE OF FREEDOM OF THE PRESS." IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION, GONZALEZ INDICATED THAT AN EARLY VOTE ON THE TEXT APPEARS LIKELY AND THAT ASSUMING MAJORITY SUPPORT, MEXICO WOULD VOTE IN FAVOR.

2. GONZALEZ WENT ON TO SAY THAT THE PREAMBULAR PORTION OF THE TEXT APPEARS MORE CONTROVERSIAL AND MIGHT BE HANDLED BY SEPARATE VOTE. IF DISPUTE DEVELOPS, SHE THOUGHT THAT MEXICO WOULD WAIT DEVELOPMENTS BEFORE TAKING
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